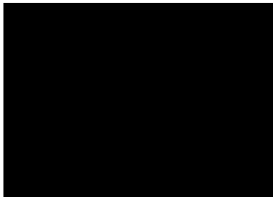


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MEMORANDUM FOR:



SUBJECT: Possible Geographic Exchange

1. Attached you will find a copy of the latest proposal for the exchange of geographers between the US and the USSR. The Department of State has informed us that the AAG will soon request that State open negotiations with the Soviet Embassy on this proposal.

2. The Department of State has requested an intelligence view of this new proposal. I have been asked by the USIB Committee on Exchanges -- in my capacity as Technical Consultant -- to give an opinion. Before writing an opinion, I would appreciate your views on this proposal, with attention given to the net intelligence advantage accruing to either the US or to the USSR.

3. The next meeting of the USIB Committee on Exchanges is scheduled for 23 April, before which time I must submit a written opinion to the Secretary. It would be appreciated if your views and opinions could be received in my office by COB, 23 April.

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Enclosure: Proposal for Exchange of Geographers
Between the US and the USSR

Distribution:

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